

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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EARTHQUAKE RISK EVALUATION CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that task force was set up by Government to work out the modalities of setting up of a Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centre in 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the report submitted by the Task Force and examined by the Committee of Secretaries is yet to be implemented; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRIBACHISINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Soon after the Chamoli earthquake of March 29, 1999, Government of India set up a Task force to work out the modalities to establish an Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centre (EREC) in the northern region. The Task Force submitted its report and the same was presented at the Standing Committee of Earth System Science in November 1999. Subsequently, the report was discussed in the meetings of Committee of Secretaries in May, 2000 and September, 2000. Thereafter, the Government approved setting up of EREC.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The EREC has been seeded in IMD with available infrastructure and as a first step, the site response studies have been initiated in the National Capital Region. In order to make the Centre fully functional, other actions as proposed in the report, such as, placement of specialized manpower, creation of specially required infrastructure are in process.